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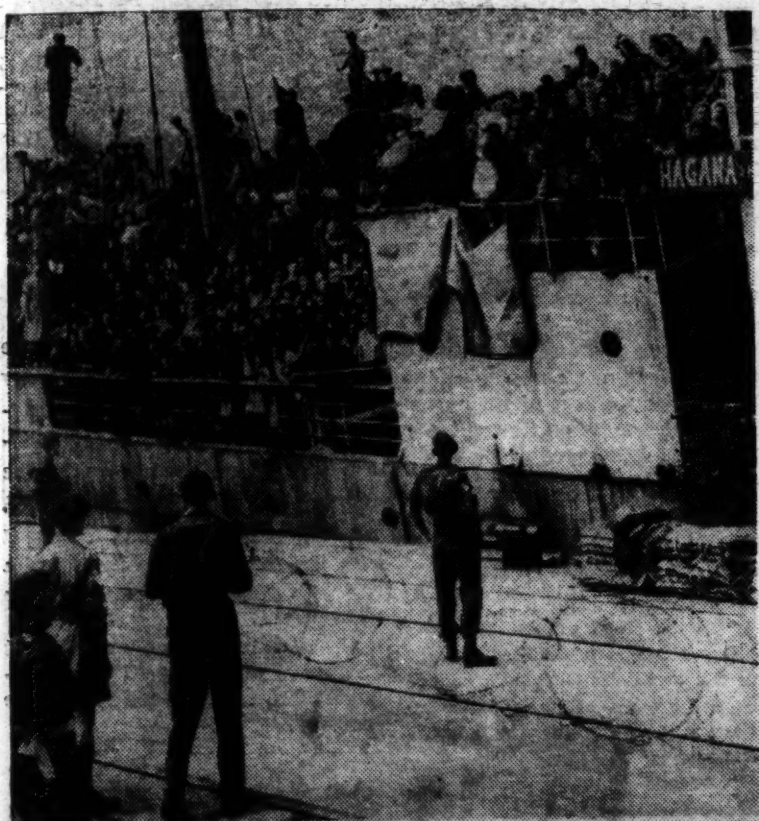
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JOURNEY'S END: Some of the 2,700 Jewish refugees on the freighter Theodore Herzl (top) hold aloft the blanket-shrouded bodies of two men killed when the British intercepted the vessel and came aboard. Below, some of the wounded refugees rest on stretchers at the Haifa detention dock. All on the Herzl were sent to the Cyprus concentration camps. At Lake Success, Egypt proposed that UN free Palestine from British rule. (See story Page 2.)

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Fight Against ANY Anti-Labor Bill

AN EDITORIAL

Apologists for reaction are busy dinning it into the ears of workers that the Hartley Bill will be considerably toned down in the Senate.

Illusions are being fostered that the President will veto anything anti-labor.

They are suggesting that labor would have to accept some drastic "reforms."

The most serious mistake labor could make is to fall into this trap.

Labor's real hope is to keep the issue as one of for or against ANY anti-labor measures.

It should be made plain that no member of Congress will be given a chance to get off the political hot seat until the votes are counted in '48.

House and Senate members of the industrial states have not yet felt the full pressure of the people who elected them.

They should now hear from back home not only in resolutions and telegrams, but through protest

demonstrations, and visits to the Congressman's office.

New York's Madison Square Park demonstration today, Detroit's Cadillac Square rally Thursday, and Winston-Salem's demonstration Saturday are examples of what's needed in a thousand cities within a week.

Workers should knock off work to attend them everywhere.

Workers everywhere are now thinking in terms of a one-day nationwide stoppage as suggested by the big General Electric local of Schenectady and by the New York Building Trades Council.

Pressure must be particularly concentrated upon those members of Congress who have completely forgotten that the decisive voters of their areas come from unions.

The President should be reminded by every labor organization that he is expected to veto any anti-labor bill—and that labor is concentrating upon Senate and House members to uphold a veto.

WORLD EVENTS

Senate to Vote for Bankrupt Doctrine

By Joseph Clark

Never will so many owe so little to the Senate of the United States. We refer to the expected vote in favor of the Truman Doctrine today.

And the strange thing is that the Senators themselves fear they are voting for something that is bound to fail.

Jack Steele, Herald Tribune correspondent in Washington, wires his paper that the military aid bill "has caused more 'soul searching' and misgiving in Congress than any other piece of legislation considered at this session."

"Accurate reporting requires," Steele adds, "the conclusion that few, if any, members of Congress are preparing to vote for the bill with any enthusiasm." **CRISIS HOOPLA**

Just consider the kind of fraudulent campaign of hoopla and hysteria that was let loose before and after Truman's speech of March 12.

We were told that March 31 would be a critical deadline. That's when we were told the British would leave Greece. And the whole beautiful edifice of Greek and Turkish democracy was supposed to come

tumbling down by April 1.

But April Fool's Day came and went and three weeks more have passed. The only thing that has crumbled is the argument in favor of the Truman doctrine.

We were told that communism would "sweep like a plague" through Turkey and Greece.

Sure, something like a plague did sweep the unhappy countryside of Greece these last two weeks. Armed with British and American planes, tanks and guns, 60,000 Greek royalist troops, led by officers of the former Nazi Security Battalions, launched a gigantic offensive at the Greek guerrillas.

THE GUERRILLAS

As William L. Shirer asked in the Sunday Herald Tribune: "Who really are these Greek guerrillas Mr. Truman wants us to help stamp out? They sprang up originally as a patriotic resistance movement against the Germans."

And who are these saviours of civilization against the menace of communism who are going to take us for a quarter of a billion dollars? Again the words of Shirer:

"These singular Greek battalions were used by the Germans to burn villages

and track down patriotic Greeks."

And what happened to that offensive launched less than a month ago against the Greek anti-fascists? It met with less success than the Nazi offensives against those same Greek guerrillas.

No wonder the Senators are "trying to avoid risking their political futures on its (the Truman Doctrine) success."

That's when a politician begins to hurt: when his constituents get wise to him. **THE PEOPLE**

Henry A. Wallace criticized the Truman Doctrine for by-passing the UN. He called for real relief to Greece supervised by UN.

And Senators Pepper and Taylor introduced legislation to put Greek aid under UN control.

Was this what the people wanted—or did they prefer the Truman-Vandenberg scheme?

Loaded like a pair of dice at a county fair crap game, even the Gallup Poll reported that the American people want the aid to the Greek program under UN.

From March 28 to April 14 the percentage of those who wanted to aid Greece under the UN, and not unilaterally by the U. S., increased from 56 to 63. Those

queried were not for the phony Vandenberg deal giving UN a so-called "veto" on the program. They were for aid

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Secretary of State George C. Marshall spoke up from Moscow today to inform the U. S. Senate that he is a co-author of the "Truman Doctrine."

The Secretary's message was his first direct intervention in the Washington row that has raged since Truman enunciated his doctrine March 12 and asked Congress to send American arms and money "to halt communism" in Greece and Turkey.

Supporters of the military aid bill already are claiming victory in advance of tomorrow's showdown vote in the Senate.

through the UN like Wallace demanded and Pepper proposed in Senate Resolution 93.

Many a Senator will be hoping that folks do not remember how he voted today.

It is easy to see why many Senators and members of the House who take up the debate this week do not want to stake their political futures on what they do in Washington this week.

Egypt Asks UN To Vote Palestine Independence

BULLETIN

JERUSALEM, Palestine, Tuesday, April 22 (UP).—Two condemned members of the Jewish underground, believed scheduled for execution at dawn, committed suicide last night in their cells in Jerusalem prison, police said early today.

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 21.—Egypt formally proposed today that the impending special session of the United Nations General Assembly set up Palestine as an independent state. The Assembly meets



WORLD BRIEFS

THE BIG FOUR Foreign Ministers held a restricted meeting in an attempt to reach agreement on the Austrian treaty. At the larger meeting earlier in the day Molotov expressed concern lest U.S. aid to Trieste become interference in the affairs of the free territory.

COMMUNISTS received slightly more than 10 percent of the vote cast in the British occupation zone of Germany. The Social Democrats were first with over 35 percent.

HENRY WALLACE prepared to leave Denmark for Paris where he speaks Wednesday before the Foreign Affairs Commission of the French National Assembly.

RADIO MOSCOW charged the capture of two U.S. military attaches by Chinese Communists in Manchuria proved "direct American interference in the Chinese civil war."

SOVIET WRITER Ilya Ehrenburg asked why State Department broadcasts to Russia don't include people like Henry Wallace.

Monday with the announced purpose of appointing a committee to study the Palestine problem. Egypt, however, asked UN to study immediately "termination of the (British) mandate on Palestine and a declaration on independence for the Palestine State."

Two-thirds of the Assembly must agree before the item can go on the agenda, but the proposal itself opened the way for a full-fledged debate on Palestine.

BOMBS HURLED

Three Jews were arrested in Jerusalem yesterday after bombs were hurled at two military jeeps.

Authorities imposed a curfew on the Jewish area of Jerusalem to cope with new protests against executions of underground fighters.

Three Britons were killed last week and 10 more wounded last night in a wave of resistance to British rule.

A truck was destroyed today at



DOV GRUNER'S sister, Mrs. Helen Friedman of Lancaster, Pa., is shown being interviewed at LaGuardia Field on her return from Palestine. She failed in her effort to save her brother from being hanged as a "terrorist."

Haifa, but there were no casualties among its occupants. The attackers escaped. However, several attackers were believed wounded at Ramleh when British troops beat off an attack on another truck.

Searches continued in several areas of Palestine after last night's action and one alleged underground truck loaded with explosives was captured near the Jewish colony of Petah-Tikva.

Two other alleged Jewish underground members scheduled to hang soon, Meir Feinstein and Moshe Barazani, are believed to have been transferred to Acre prison, where the previous four executions were carried out.

TORONTO STAR DECLARES KEY SPY WITNESS LIES

Toronto Daily Star has exploded another big lie flaunted by Igor Gouzenko, the former Soviet Embassy employee in Ottawa who furnished all that "evidence" in Canada's espionage trials. Gouzenko, who is

busy fabricating for the Soviet-baiters under the protection of the Canadian government, declared in an interview with the magazine New World that money contributed to the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund "went, not to the poor Russian children, but to the not so poor Soviet agents in Canada."

The Fund's officers quickly repudiated that one, and the Toronto Star carries the text of their documented statement on its front page April 16.

"WILD TALK"

In its lead editorial of the same issue, the Star points up the Fund's statement, and scores Gouzenko's complete record:

"On the front page of the Star today there is a detailed answer to the atrocious Gouzenko charge by the prominent Canadians who were responsible for the administration of the fund."

"His wild and irresponsible talk about the Canadian Aid to Russia fund seriously clouds the value of his unsupported testimony on any matter."

The Fund's statement brands Gouzenko's assertions as "absolutely without foundation" and cites verse and line from its records to show that it sent only goods to the Soviet Union.

It quotes also from a report by the Canadian Ambassador in Moscow, Dana L. Wilgress, in March, 1944, after he inspected distribution of the relief supplies.

"I am sure," Wilgress wrote, "that the Canadians who have contributed so generously to Rus-

sian relief would be as gratified as I was to see the care in the handling of the relief shipments received from Canada."

Toledo RR Workers End Longest Strike

PEORIA, Ill., April 21 (UP).—The nation's longest strike ended today when the first of 500 striking workers of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad returned to work. The dispute began in December, 1941, and had been in effect continuously with the exception of a three and a half year "truce" period of government operation.

A settlement announced last Thursday was described as "satisfactory" to both the union and the company.

5000 Hit Slave Bill in Baltimore

BALTIMORE, April 20. — Five thousand shipyard workers at the Bethlehem Steel Co.'s repair plant demonstrated here for two hours Friday afternoon against the House of Representatives' slave bill.

Crews of several ships under contract with the National Maritime Union joined in the demonstration against the labor-busting bill.

Empire Communists Oppose ALL Imperialism

The Communist Parties of four British Empire countries declared last week that "after having defeated Nazi Germany, we do not intend to allow Hitler's aims of world domination to be realized by American imperialism."

The declaration, following on the conference of the Communists of the British Empire in London last February, was signed by Harry Pollitt for the British party, Tim Buck for the Canadian party, John C. Henry for the Communist Party of Australia, and Daniel Du Plessis for the South African Communist Party.

The appeal affirmed the "profound sense of solidarity" among the Empire Communists, and announced the objective of organiz-

ing an "entirely new relationship between the peoples of Britain and the Dominions and the colonial peoples still fighting for their freedom and independence from British imperialism, so that we may pool our common resources for the betterment of our peoples, win democratic self-government for all Empire peoples, and national freedom from any plan of world domination by American imperialism or any bloc of Anglo-American reaction."

The Communists saw "tremen-

dous new opportunities for using the resources of our countries in an entirely new and constructive manner."

"We can organize the planned production, distribution and exchange of our manufactured foods, raw materials and foodstuffs... at the same time, our nations can assist in the industrial and agricultural development of nations like India, Burma and Malaya once they are freed and prevent them from becoming the subjects of the same aggressive imperialist control as Greece and Turkey are subjected to at this moment."

At the same time, the British Empire Communists proposed

"friendly relations and economic cooperation be with the Soviet Union and the new European democracies" to avoid "being drawn into the consequences of a coming American economic crisis."

The declaration appealed to the labor movements of their respective countries for "a new outlook and understanding based on the basis of mutual economic cooperation."

It also affirmed that such a program "would assist the labor and progressive movement in America to fight against the predatory policies of the Republicans and their accomplice, Truman."

LABOR and the NATION

100,000 Out in Iowa AFL-CIO Protest

DES MOINES, Ia., April 21.—An estimated 100,000 Iowa workers took part in the joint AFL-CIO one day stoppage in a demonstration against a pending bill to kill the closed shop. More than 20,000 massed on the lawn of the state capital and booed lustily as Governor Robert D. Blue

Huge Profits Permit Price Cuts, Says Truman

President Truman told the nation yesterday that huge profits make immediate lowering of prices possible, and that without such price reductions the country will face the peril of an economic crash. Truman's plea to Big Business to cut prices was made at an annual luncheon of members of the Associated Press in Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

He said that labor's wage demands had been moderate. He hinted that a recession such as he feared would hamper his foreign policy.

The President said flatly:

"If we are to avoid a recession we must act before it starts.

"Prices must be brought down.

"I speak first to those businessmen who have it within their power to reduce their prices."

The President gave examples of the jump in retail prices—house

Agriculture Sec'y Sees No Price Cuts

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson dropped a strong hint to Congress today that he has little hope of any drastic cut in retail food prices in the foreseeable future. But he believed that when the winter crop hits the market wheat will drop to \$2 a bushel.

furnishings up 23 percent over 1945; clothing up 24 percent; food up 31 percent. And he told about the "even more dangerous" rises in wholesale prices—textiles up 39 percent; farm products up 40 percent; building materials up 51 percent; food up 53 percent.

DANGEROUS FALLACY

"There are some who say that prices are not too high, so long as buying stays at high levels," Truman said.

"From the human standpoint, I reject this argument.

"It provides no answer to those living on fixed incomes . . . it provides no answer to those veterans who must pay substantially more for houses than they are able to afford. It provides no answer to many millions of American families. . . ."

The President also rejected as "a dangerous economic fallacy" the argument that prices are not too high because people still are buying.

"A bridge designed to carry 10 tons is not safe with 15 tons on it even though it has not yet begun to cave in," he said.

Truman said the nation must not follow the formula of high prices adopted after the last war.

"Between 1920 and 1921," he recalled, "annual national income fell by 18 billion dollars. Industrial production dropped 23 percent. Unemployment increased by more than 4 million. Business failures more than doubled. Farm losses were appalling."

Truman warned that the United States could pursue a policy of help to other nations "only if we ourselves remain prosperous."

"Our system of private enterprise is now being tested before the world," he said. "If we can prove that it is more productive and more stable, more generous and more just than any other economic system, we shall have won the test."

The President called the increase

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There's Nobody Else at Home: A terror-stricken dog huddles in a corner of a ruined Texas City home.

addressed them. They come in caravans from many towns. Reports from the state's industrial areas showed widespread effectiveness of the walkout, the first such state-wide demonstration in the country's history. Packing plants, heavy industries, especially farm machinery, were hit hardest in this predominantly agricultural state.

This city, largest in the state, felt the walkout most with streetcar, taxi service, trucking and building halted and liquor stores and taverns closed.

Cedar Rapids reported crippling of the Quaker Oats plant and only skeleton crews in most of the other large plants.

PLANTS SHUT

Dubuque—The John Deere tractor plant was among the factories down.

Ottumwa—No busses were running and the Morrell packing plant was shut down.

Fort Dodge—Only a skeleton force reported at the Tobin packing plant.

Clinton—Practically all organized workers, but some in essential services, took a holiday.

The state grounds in front of the capitol looked like a day at the state fair. Loudspeakers blared music. Hot dogs were in such great demand that the price jumped to 20 cents apiece.

GOVERNOR BOOED

"Our reward for winning the war is this legislature's attempt to take away our rights which we have had for 30 years," John Connally, Jr., counsel for both the AFL and CIO told the crowd.

Gov. Blue was met with an explosion of boos when he stepped on a chair to address the workers. After his listeners quieted a bit he said that he "as chief executive and the legislature are not unfriendly to the laboring man."

That brought another salvo of Bronx cheers. When they died down, the Governor went on:

"I love my wife, though I can't

always agree with her, just like I don't always agree with the legislators. But we all agree that one of the fundamentals of freedom is freedom to work. The fact that we do not always agree does not mean that we do not always love each other."

HOSTILE LEGISLATORS

This released an explosion of the loudest boos Blue was given. It is under the guise of "freedom to work" that the anti-closed shop scab legislation is being put over in the legislature.

Blue shouted back insultingly that the audience in front of him was only an "infinitesimal" part of Iowa's 2,500,000 population.

The legislators inside the capitol were no more cordial to the unionists than the Governor. They voted down 75 to 30 a move to table the anti-closed shop bill.

Stars Rally to Fight Slave Bill

Special to the Daily Worker

CHICAGO, April 21.—Stage, screen and radio stars today hit at the Hartley Slave Bill at a Selwyn Theatre rally here, sponsored by eight unions in the entertainment field.

Among the stars who spoke against anti-labor legislation were Joe E. Brown, Rudy Vallee and two stars of *Born Yesterday*, Jan Sterling and Augustan Duncan.

Attacking the anti-closed shop feature of the Hartley bill, funnyman Joe E. Brown turned serious and declared: "If the closed shop—the Equity shop—is taken away, it will set the entertainment industry back 30 years."

The meeting unanimously adopted a resolution stating its opposition "to any legislation restrictive of labor's rights."

Listed along with the other speakers were Lena Horne, Negro singer, and Dolly Haas, star of *Lute Song*.

Bulletin

HAVANA, Cuba, April 21 (UP).—Unidentified assailants with machine guns and pistols attacked the Capitol tonight while the Senate was in session.

Hide the Liberty Bell!

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 21 (UP).—Philadelphia was chosen today as the site for the 1948 Republican National Convention.

House Gets GOP Plan to Slash Vital Power, Land Programs

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The axe-men heading the GOP-controlled House Appropriations Committee proposed today to cut the guts out of government power projects, land reclamation programs, mine activities and other aspects of the Interior Department's work.

The Committee submitted to the House a \$183,649,313 appropriation for the next fiscal year instead of the \$322,531,220 requested by the Budget Bureau, or a cut of 43 percent. The Budget Bureau had itself trimmed the Department's request by \$56,000,000.

Toughest slash was in the Bureau of Land Reclamation which turns arid and poor farm land into fertile farm areas and otherwise reclaims waste land. The Bureau request was reduced 60 percent, from \$145,952,000 to \$62,717,600. It handles vast projects, particularly in the west, in which farmers have an especially vital interest.

FARMERS HURT

The farmers were also kicked in the teeth by enormous cuts in the administration of the great power dams in the west and southwest, the Bonneville and Southwestern developments.

The Bonneville administration was cut from a requested \$20,278,000 to \$6,907,800 or nearly 65 percent. The Northwestern suffered almost as badly.

Farmers in those areas depend

on the dams and their electric power to irrigate their lands and help drive their machinery.

The Bureau of Land Management took a 30 percent cut in its appropriation, while the Fish and Wild Life Service was reduced nearly 40 percent.

The Bureau of Mines was reduced some 35 percent, from \$16,834,000 to 10,983,875, though the

specific items for mine inspection and investigation of accidents were increased slightly over last year, chiefly as a result of the Centralia disaster.

As a whole, however, federal mine work will suffer severely while many badly-needed agricultural projects will have to be abandoned as a result of GOP "economy" demands.

Murray Expects No Trouble From 'Little Steel'

PITTSBURGH, April 21.—Phillip Murray, president of the CIO and the United Steelworkers, said today that he felt sure all companies in the basic steel industry will accept the terms of the agreement reached with U. S. Steel.

After the Big Steel agreement had been unanimously ratified by the 174-man wage policy committee, Murray told reporters that the new contract would be signed here at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

The union leader said "plans are being made for resumption of negotiations with 86 other companies in the basic steel industry. We are also making necessary

preparations for negotiations with 300 to 400 fabricators whose contracts are due to expire April 30 or shortly thereafter."

In answer to a question, Murray said, "there shouldn't be any reason for a strike after the April 30 deadline."

He hoped the other basic steel companies would agree to two-year contracts as did U. S. Steel, and that this stabilizing feature would be extended to other industries.

"This agreement also furnishes an answer for all the congressional labor-baiters and others hell-bent upon the destruction of labor unions in America," he said.

In regard to the \$500,000,000 portal pay suits against U. S. Steel, Murray said that under the agreement an individual was still free to press his claim if he felt he could make a case.

'It's Our Strike, Too,' Ind. Hello Gals Say

When people dial long distance in Evansville, Ind., the state where it is unlawful for utilities workers to strike, they get this from the operator: "We are working against our will. This is our strike too and it is unconstitutional not to let us strike. Your call please."

NEW YORK

Phone Strikers Join Madison Sq. Park Labor Rally Today

Striking telephone workers here will join with the AFL and CIO today in the Defend Labor Rally at Madison Square Park to demand that Congress reject the Hartley and Taft-Ball Bills to cripple labor unions.

The Central Strike Committee of the Telephone Workers, New York Region, has officially endorsed the rally and called on their members to participate. Herman Krause, strike committee chairman, will speak.

CIO directors of the rally report that a last-minute check of unions shows a number will leave their shops early to assure prompt attendance at the meeting, scheduled to start at 5 p.m. Many unions will march from special assembly points into Madison Square Park.

Fifteen thousand members of the United Shoe Workers, who work in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens, will leave their shops at 4 p.m.; 5,000 members of Local 1227, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, from shops scattered through the Bronx and Queens, will also quit work at 4 p.m.; Workers at the Sperry plant in Long Island (UE 450) have chartered 12 buses to bring their people in on time. Other unions have taken similar special steps.

Joseph Curran will be the chairman at the rally. Other speakers include: Louis Hollander, state CIO president and manager of the New York Joint Board, Amalgamated Clothing Workers; City Council majority leader Joseph T. Sharkey; Councilman Michael J. Quill; Congressman Vito Marcantonio; Dr. Frank Kingdon, radio commentator, and John Goodman, International vice-president, Building Service Employees, AFL.

The rally will be a high point in a series of activities undertaken by the New York CIO as part of the April Defend-Labor-Month campaign proclaimed recently by the national CIO executive board. With House passage of the Hartley Bill, and the Senate ready to take up the Taft-Ball Bill, resentment at anti-labor legislation is running high among rank and file union members. CIO leaders freely predict the rally will see the "largest turn-out in the history of labor meetings" in this city.



Book Slayer of Girl, 6: Anthony Papa (signing document), 27, is shown being booked at Mineola, L. I., police headquarters. He was held without bail for the Grand Jury after confessing he slashed to death Rose Marie Fusco, 6, a neighbor's daughter. Papa could give no intelligible reason for the crime. At right, the dead child is shown as she appeared two years ago, as flower girl at Papa's wedding.



Needle Trades Rally To Boost May 1

The Needle Trades May Day Committee launches a series of open-air rallies with the first tomorrow at noon at 38th Street and 7th Avenue.

The rally will protest the Hartley-Taft slave labor bills and the attacks on the democratic rights of the people and will mobilize Garment workers for May Day.

Cacchione Raps Gas Hike Plan

Petitions of three Brooklyn gas companies to increase rates for the consumer represent a piece of "unmitigated gall," Councilman Peter V. Cacchione charged yesterday.

He made the charge prior to his scheduled appearance (10 a.m. today) before the Public Service Commission in the Woolworth Building in opposition to the rate boosts.

The financial picture of the Brooklyn Union Gas Co., the Councilman asserted, has been distorted. He said he would present proof profits of the company have been greater than reported.

"I am sure the people of Brooklyn will agree that the petitions of the three gas companies for a rate increase represent unmitigated gall when the facts of their financial situations are revealed," Cacchione declared.

N. Y. COMMUNISTS URGE GREAT MAY DAY TURNOUT

Robert Thompson, New York state chairman of the Communist Party, yesterday issued the following May Day message:

May Day is approaching. On that day the working people of London, Paris, Rome, Moscow, Chungking, San Francisco, Chicago and New York will clasp hands around the world in unity for peace and democracy.

May Day is our own native American day. It was forged in blood and toil by the great founders of our modern labor movement as an enduring symbol of brotherly solidarity and unity. It was conceived as a day of vigilance and struggle of the workers against the gigantic corporations—those vast organizations of wealth that seek ever to rivet the chains on labor and ever to threaten labor's advance and progress.

Today those moneyed interests are attacking all along the line. Fifty years of labor legislation are in peril in the halls of Congress. The Hartley Slave Bill menaces the very existence of the union movement. If we do not fight with all our might, our democratic institutions will go down before the reactionary moneyed corporations. If the unions and peoples' organizations do not unite and use their full strength against these attacks, we shall soon stand on the very edge of Fascism. The May Day Parade of labor and the people this year will be a significant demonstration for the Defense of Labor and Democracy. If prepared well and thoroughly, it can and will be the largest in New York's proud history.

We urge all forward-looking trade unionists to work hard to make it a powerful answer to the union busters.

We urge all people to take part in the parade because May Day is the Peoples' Day Against the Trusts. The May Day marchers will voice the peoples' protest against the scandalous profits, the high taxes and ever higher prices, the terrible housing shortage and the threat to rents, the raw deal to our veterans and the sharpening discrimination and violence against the Jewish and Negro people. They will demand friendly cooperation with Russia for a democratic peace and an end to the imperialist adventures to set up an American world empire. They will demonstrate the growing resolve of labor to at last free itself from bondage to the two old gangs of Big Business politicians and to bring forth to this country a great Peoples' Party.

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Van Doren Hits Queens AYD Ban

Mark Van Doren, author, and more than 50 prominent citizens have issued a statement condemning the revocation of the charter of the Queens College chapter of the American Youth for Democracy.

The statement, released by the AYD, endorsed an earlier one originated by Councilman Stanley Isaacs, Osmond K. Fraenkel, special counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union and Professor Lyman Bradley of New York University.

It urged "that the Faculty-Student Committee and the Student Council reconsider the action they have taken, and restore to the college community its independence from the intimidation of outside spokesmen of hysteria."

Among those joining Van Doren were: Henry Pratt Fairchild, Rabbi Max Felshin, Heinz Hohenwald, Prof. Margaret Schlauch, Paul Strand, Revels Cayton, Mrs. J. C. Guggenheimer, Philip Loeb, the Rev. Wm. H. Melish, Corliss Lamont, Philip Evergood, Joseph Brodsky, the Rev. Eliot White, Wm. Jay Schieffelin, the Rev. Richard Morford, Isaac Ben Ezra, Fred Asa Barnes, Thelma Dale, Gertrude S. Cooper, Howard Fast, Shaemas O'Sheal and Lewis Merrill.

Call Needle Trades Meet on Anti-Semitism

A Needle Trades Shop Conference to Combat Anti-Semitism, will be held Wednesday, May 21 at Malin Studio, 225 W. 46 St., it was announced by the American Jewish Labor Council. Shop chairmen and active members representing shops, are being invited to attend.

BRONX WIDOW EVICTED, RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

A Bronx widow was removed to Fordham Hospital yesterday in a dead faint when a neighbor's phone call gave the first warning that she was being evicted from her Bronx apartment at 2074 Daly Ave. Mrs. Helen Harris was at work when a neighbor called to tell her a city marshal was putting her furniture out in the rain.

The woman phoned the marshal and requested he delay the eviction for an hour until she could get home. When he refused Mrs. Harris became ill and lost consciousness. She was taxied home by fellow workers and when she failed to recover an ambulance was called and she was removed to the hospital.

Mrs. Harris and her neighbors charge the customary procedure of notifying an evictee 24 hours in advance of the eviction was not followed. The marshal, it was claimed, jimmied open a window to enter the apartment.

LANDLORD'S DAUGHTER

The landlord, identified as a Mr. Niemensky, took the eviction action because he wants the apartment for

his daughter, it was claimed. Although the daughter already has an apartment she is said to want to live near her father who has one in the building. Both the OPA and the court upheld the conviction on the grounds that a landlord is entitled to an apartment if he or anyone in his immediate family desires it.

The local Consumers Council and

the Communist Party are holding a protest rally today at 1:30 p.m. before the Daly Ave. building. Four similar evictions are pending in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Harris, released from the hospital, will stay temporarily with a daughter-in-law. Her son, a wounded veteran, is a patient at Tilden General Hospital at Fort Dix, N. J.

EINSTEIN SAYS LIBERATION OF COLONIES URGENT NEED

Professor Albert Einstein yesterday declared that "no reliable and lasting peace will be possible" without the political and economic emancipation of the "now subdued and exploited" African and colonial peoples. He termed it "one of the most urgent needs in our time."

The scientist's statement was contained in a message of greetings to Dr. Max Yergan, executive director

of the Council on African Affairs, which will hold a rally Friday evening in the 71st Regiment Armory, 34th Street and Park Avenue.

Prof. Einstein told Dr. Yergan he found it "heartening" that the Council is laboring for African and colonial welfare and independence, and "trying to make people conscious of the basic requirements."

Your Money Talks for Progress

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

The first check I signed as Treasurer of our Fighting Fund (which is now over \$265,000) was a big one. It was to an advertising agency for advertisements in daily papers—\$20,000.

Papers carrying the first ads to date are the N. Y. Times, N. Y. Herald Tribune, Boston Herald Traveller, St. Louis Post Dispatch, Pittsburgh Post Dispatch, Toledo Blade, N. Y. Amsterdam News, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Cleveland Press, Akron Beacon, Canton (O.) Repository, N. J. Herald News, N. J. Record, N. J. Afro-American, Newark Evening News and Newark Star Ledger, Seattle Star, Chicago Daily News, San Francisco Chronicle, and Detroit News.

Arrangements through the districts as well as through the agency are responsible for this. New ads will now appear in a

whole network of Negro papers, industrial cities and towns and in the foreign language press.

So far we have placed ads in the following in addition to the above listed: N. Y. Age, People's Voice and Pittsburgh Courier. Finnish papers Työmies and Esitapan and Lalevy, Pravda, Slovak of Pittsburgh; Głos Ludowy, Polish; Ukrainian Daily News; Romanian American, Romanian, Ludowy Demnak, Slovak; Rusky Golos, Russian, and also Greek and Armenian papers. We will continue placing advertisements to carry our message to the ears of the American people.

RADIO NEXT

The next big chunk of money will be spent on radio programs. I have only partial reports but they are good.

A series of radio broadcasts, covering 15 radio stations, including the ABC network, are planned in California. A series from March 26 to May 14 is on in New Jersey. A statewide hook-up series has

been contracted for in Seattle, Wash.

Western Pennsylvania is planning programs in Washington, Pa., where Gabor Kisch broadcasts weekly, and in Farrell, Erie; McKeesport, New Kensington and Pittsburgh. Massachusetts has contracted for a series in Fall River, New Bedford and Boston. New Hampshire is using both Concord and Manchester stations. We have allocated 20 percent of the Fighting Fund to assist the districts in local broadcasts, advertisements, circulars and reprints of the Dennis statements and other materials. In Washington, 59 leaflets, An Answer to Schweffenhack, were distributed.

JUST BEGUN

This is only a partial report but it indicates the wide uses of the fund to date. We have just begun. We urge those few districts to complete their quota, who are lagging very slightly behind, so we can refund their 20 percent as they make radio and ad contracts. We plan to put

this generously-contributed money where it will do the most good as quickly as possible.

It keeps coming, too.

"If you listen closely you will detect a marked southern drawl slowly finding its way into the language of progressive America. The face of the Communist Party is being shown to the masses below the Mason-Dixon Line and instead of recoiling in horror they are coming forward to examine intelligently and ultimately admire the picture presented to them."

These words accompanied a contribution of \$205 collected at a house party of "31 ordinary Americans" at Miami, Florida. A grandmother sent \$20 as "an investment that my grandson may have a future." Twenty dollars comes from a comrade in Puerto Rico. From a group of friends in New Mexico comes \$425, sent c/o Peter V. Cacchione, which is indeed good news from a small party there. More news later.

Protests Bar To Greek Relief

Alcibiades Loulis, Greek industrialist and president of National Solidarity for Greece, has issued an appeal to all Americans to protest the attempt of the Greek government to suppress the relief organization.

National Solidarity, the only remaining channel through which real aid can be given to the Greek patriots, has been called up on charges of "deviating from its original purpose" by the Prefect of Attica.

Worldwide protest has already postponed the trial from April 2 to April 30, but only intensified protest can save it from final suppression, Loulis has pointed out.

National Solidarity was active throughout the anti-fascist war in the cause of the Greek patriots.

The American Council for a Democratic Greece is taking the lead in protesting the organization's suppression.



Almost Gives Life the Golden Gate: Cushing, ex-circus stuntman and high diver, gets emergency treatment after leaping 260 feet from San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. Picked up by a fishing boat crew three miles from the scene, he suffered back injuries. It was all to publicize a circus Cushing's interested in.

FORD FAMILY DODGES TAXES UNDER CHARITY SCHEME

DEARBORN, Mich., April 21 (FP).—The Ford Foundation, to which the late Henry Ford willed all his non-voting stock of the Ford Motor Co., just as Edsel Ford had done in 1943, is regarded by hard-headed businessmen not so much a glowing charity as a device to dodge inheritance taxes.

Business Week said April 12 regarding the Edsel Ford inheritance tax: "The Ford Foundation eliminated the need for payment of tax on the overwhelming share of the inheritance and kept company control in the family's hands." Regarding the will of Henry Ford, at that time not yet filed for probate, Business Week said:

"If most shares go to the foundation no tax difficulty is expected."

There are 172,645 shares of Class B or voting stock, owned entirely by the Ford family. There are 3,250,255 shares of Class A non-voting stock. Henry Ford owned 1,804,140 shares of this and Edsel is believed to have held the rest. Guesses as to the value of the Ford Foundation's combined holdings range up to \$750,000,000.

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Cal. Special Session For Housing Urged

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—The California CIO Council today called upon Governor Earl Warren immediately to convene a special session of the legislature to enact housing legislation.

Negro Leaders Oppose CP Ban

Nearly 100 leaders of the Negro people, headed by Paul Robeson, W. E. B. DuBois and Roscoe Dungee, yesterday called upon President Truman and Congress "to repudiate decisively the fascist-like proposal to illegalize the Communist Party."

"We will resist with all our power every step taken in that direction," the statement said.

Publishing their views as a paid advertisement in a dozen Negro newspapers, the Negro leaders told the President and Congress:

"We view with utmost concern . . . the proposal . . . to negate the fundamental democratic premises of our nation by suppressing a minority political party with whose program the government in power is at odds."

"As Negro Americans, we cannot be unmindful that this proposal to outlaw the Communist Party comes precisely when our Federal government professes grave concern over the democratic rights of peoples in far distant parts of the world, but is strangely apathetic about the mounting attacks upon the economic and political rights—indeed, the very lives—of the Negro people of the United States. This fact aggravates our concern."

Hartford Mayor Sets 'Labor Month'

HARTFORD, Conn., April 21.—Acting Mayor E. Edward Kaminsky took a stand against high prices, high profits and inadequate wages in proclaiming April "Defend Labor Month." Kaminsky, also president of the Common Council and business agent for the Teamsters' Union here, was visited by representatives of the CIO United Electrical Workers concerning "Defend Labor Month."

Kaminsky's proclamation said:

"The prosperity of this and all other communities depends upon the purchasing power of the main body of its population. . . .

"At the present time, that purchasing power has been seriously weakened because control over American production is rapidly being concentrated in the hands of fewer and fewer people. As a result, these giant monopolies have been able to force prices higher and higher and to reap

"Under cover of an hysteria built up by selfish and short-sighted banking and industrial interests, attempts are being made in Congress unprecedented profits therefrom, and the State Legislature to pass laws weakening labor's power to bargain for decent wages. The most

dangerous of these anti-labor laws is the Omnibus Bill now being considered by Congress.

"If such legislation is passed, the people's ability to defend and improve their standard of living will be seriously impaired, and the nation will travel the road to a new catastrophe like that of 1929."

House-OK'd Tax Bill Hit by CIO

The April CIO Economic Outlook describing the House-approved tax bill (HR 1) as "tax relief for the greedy," warned yesterday that final passage of the bill in its present form will not help "to promote the maximum purchasing power that is so essential to maintain full production and full employment."

Under the original 20 percent across-the-board proposal, the Outlook estimated that a family of four with an income of \$2,500 would have received additional purchasing power amounting to \$19 a year, while a \$100,000 family of four would have received \$12,000 annual benefits.

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SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES

Change the World

A Sweet Old Lady Wants to Hang Charley Chaplin, and You, Too!

By Mike Gold

COMRADE J.N., of Long Island City, is sore about anybody who calls himself a progressive and lapses into racial chauvinist lingo—even "carelessly, no harm meant, just a habit." He, a Communist,

feels that Communists, above all men and women, must be on guard against the racial germs. Furthermore, he says our best people slip up, now and then.

"I think your columns on Sinatra and on the Charles Townsend letter to you were excellent, and much needed. Charles and Mary Beard wrote at the end of their Rise of American Civilization that Michael Gold 'could see dark shadows even in the mid-day of prosperity and had made etchings for those not too heedless to look.'

"They were right, and now you are writing some fine columns on this matter of race prejudice. I think all Communist writers—all Communists—must grow more alert on this matter. Race hatred is the tool the masters use to divide and conquer the people. I used to oversimplify the idea to my army buddies by telling them that if a group of workers are exploited to the breaking point, and some one of them comes up with the idea of a union, then the boss or his stooge is sure to come up with the crack 'Are you going to let that Jew be your leader, or that wop, donkey, spick, square-head, etc., etc.'"

"IMAGINE MY grief to find some of these racial terms used carelessly in the 'Daily.' Mardo used the term 'yellow' to mean cowardly. So did Comrade Dennis at St. Nick's on March 30. Rubin speaks of 'Shylocks' though objecting to the use of 'pickaninnys.' I don't mean to imply that any of these are chauvinists. It is only that they should be more careful and alert, I believe." Well, I agree, though the use of the term "yellow" for cowardliness is so familiar it's hard to detect the racialism imbedded in it.

Comrade J. N. thinks the term stems from Dirty Willie Hearst and his former campaigns against what he called the "Yellow Peril," meaning the Eastern peoples. This, I doubt, yet believe the term has racial overtones. It is definitely related to the familiar, patronizing, "He's a white Jew," or "He'll treat you white," etc. . . .

Millions of such Coughlinites-Nazis are all around the country, with power in the church, in high politics and Wall Street. We should prepare to meet the racial demagoguery that must attend the war on American democracy being made by the trusts and these Nazified followers and dupes.

It can readily be understood how men like Hoover and Dulles, who have spent their life in cartel politics, should lean heavily on the old standby, hoping to recreate a smaller model of Europe along the lines followed after the first world war. These are our Col. Blimps, the cretins of our foreign policy-making, who are driving us down blind alleys and playing havoc with our national destiny.

THERE ARE MANY reasons why the scheme for a West European bloc is unworkable. If pursued seriously, even as a temporary alternative to Potsdam, then at least half of Germany is already excluded from the venture. For while our free enterprisers, facing a depression at home, try to make the West German economy work on their model, Eastern Germany will proceed even more rapidly along the path of building a new democratic structure, insulated in many ways from the crisis that will be exported from America.

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Yet it's tough to change one's language habits overnight. Communists are the ones to make the first try at it. These ancient sneers and slanders, imbedded into common speech, build up thoughts in the mind that might prove, in emergencies, a focal point of infection.

IF THE Truman imperialist drive is allowed to spread, it will be accompanied by a growth of racialism at home. Fascism is indivisible, in this as in other things.

If, in order to conquer the world and Russia with their atom bombs, they first have to knock off trade unions, small progressive parties, liberal radio commentators, and so on, one would be a fool not to think they would refrain from anti-Semitism, anti-Negroism and other racial demagoguery.

In the subway the other day I sat wedged between two old, respectable ladies and couldn't help overhearing their talk.

They were chattering over an article in their paper attacking Charley Chaplin and his latest film. Since their paper was that evil rag, Hearst's Journal-American, the talk was what one might expect.

One old lady, looking sweet and quaintly intellectual as she read the filthy rag through a pair of gold-rimmed pince nez, said:

"And do you know, Alice, Ed Sullivan also criticized him, and even Billy Rose has attacked him, I hear, for not helping in the war."

"BUT BILLY ROSE is also a Jew. It must be one of their tricks," said the other sweet old lady, primly brushing some fluff from her tailored Easter suit of spring lilac.

"Yes, you may be right, Alice. Just the same, Chaplin is going to get it this time!"

"If the Germans had him, they'd have hung him long ago," said the other sweet old lady, snapping her plates.

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Check Death Ship Nitrate: Lt. Comdr. R. L. Mellon (left) delivers bottles containing ammonium nitrate samples from the French ship Grand Camp which exploded at Texas City to Chief Petty Officer E. R. Stacey at the U.S. Coast Guard Base in Brooklyn. Mellon said the samples will be analyzed by the Explosives' Bureau of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

THE GERMAN BOG

By James S. Allen

EVEN BEFORE the Moscow Conference closes, anonymous leaders of the American delegation are already advertising their alternative to an understanding with the Soviet Union on Germany. It is not new. It is the scheme for a West European bloc.

Someone has sold the Brooklyn Bridge to General Marshall and to the man from Missouri. Hardly a wizened statesman in Europe has real faith in this scheme. One suspects that even Churchill, the foxiest of the Col. Blimps, does not think it workable, except as a means of soliciting American capital and support for the restoration of the old British sphere in Europe.

Dulles propounded the policy most clearly on the eve of his departure for the Moscow Conference. Under Byrnes, the first preliminary steps in this direction had already been taken. The most important of these, the first major break with the Potsdam agreement, was the merger of the Anglo-American zones, which established exclusive two-power control of the Ruhr arsenal.

NOW, ACCORDING to the corridor reports from Moscow, the American delegation is set upon building up the West German base, as the core of a West European bloc. The plan of Yalta and Potsdam is rejected in favor of a scheme that can serve only the limited interests of a narrow group of monopolists. It is doomed to failure in its broader political aspects.

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lost two wars and whose standing among Germans cannot be too high.

The Social-Democrats, who today are the main reliance of the British and who served as the political instrument of imperialist reconstruction after the first war, have neither the old confidence nor the old standing. Although still small when compared with the Social Unity Party in the East, the Communist Party in West Germany is a growing force, and certainly much greater than it was in the early 20's. In the Ruhr, the Social-Democrats have lost exclusive control of the trade unions.

WITHOUT FRANCE, a Western bloc is a chimera. Many people take too seriously certain superficial signs at the Moscow Conference of a closer understanding between France, Britain and the United States, in the sense of a Western bloc.

Undoubtedly, de Gaulle has been encouraged by the Truman Doctrine. But as some alert observers are already noting, the effect of de Gaulle's appearance as the man on horseback is to solidify the parties on the Left, while splitting the forces on the Right. De Gaulle will find little strength in American support when it is seen in France how the United States is building up the German power.

As previously pointed out in this column, the Anglo-French security pact offers little consolation to the framers of a Western bloc. There is at least the equal possibility that this pact, if it comes to mean anything, may become part of a general British recrimination away from exclusive dependence upon the United States, and towards mutually beneficial economic and political relations with the Soviet Union and most countries of Europe.

By the next meeting of Foreign Ministers, there may be a very changed atmosphere, in which the Dulles-Hoover scheme will shine not at all. In the meantime, having already stepped into the pitfall of the doctrine that bears his name, Truman is being led into the even more perilous German bog.

WORTH REPEATING

Thomas Jefferson writing on the spirit of the people's resistance, said: "What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that its people preserve the spirit of resistance?"

Press Roundup — Says Russians Dunno What's Good For 'Em

THE TIMES' columnist, Anne O'Hare McCormick, finds that "Russia needs peace and reconstruction more than any other war-torn country." In view of that fact she wonders why Russia "demands damages out of German current production for many years to come. . . ." Perhaps she thinks it would be more logical for the Soviet Union to back the Hoover-Dulles plan to rebuild German-American-British cartels?

THE HERALD TRIBUNE notes that there are two sides to getting agreement on Germany: "We have not, perhaps, realized how often we have asked the impossible of the Kremlin, any more than the Kremlin has realized how often it has asked the impossible of the West. . . ." But it seems the possibility of compromise when "each side is willing to grant both the strength of the other and the minimum imperatives of the system under which it operates."

John Elliott cabled the Tribune from Berlin: "Denazification in the Soviet zone of Germany appears to have been carried out more effectively and expeditiously than in the American zone."

PM'S Saul K. Padover points to the "profound truth in the witticism that while Monroe's Doctrine told Europeans to keep out of America, Truman's warns them to keep out of Europe." He concludes that FDR would not have embraced "Churchill's notorious Fulton speech, which is, in essence, what the Truman Doctrine amounts to."

THE MIRROR'S Drew Pearson has some fine quotations from Monroe and Madison warning against Britain's efforts to maintain a reactionary monarchy in Greece. As he warns to the idea of historical parallels Pearson says Czar Alexander was a revolutionary force in those days like Soviet Russia today. But, as Lafayette warned Jefferson, "Emperor Alexander is the chief of the European counter-revolution. . . ." There is a difference between revolution and counter-revolution, you know.

THE NEWS scores the Drys who want to bring back prohibition and who "are still lying" as they were when they first put over the unhappy experiment.

THE SUN says President Truman is responsible for high prices because he did not dump OPA soon enough. Top that if you can.

THE POST shows how silly the Russians are—they "called John Foster Dulles an 'imperialist.' " He was only the attorney for the Schroeder cartel which used American resources to build up the Hitler machine. The Post continues: "Now that it has returned to popularity among the Soviet propagandists and those who take their propaganda second hand, we might as well recognize what 'imperialist' really is. It's a swear word with no more real content than some of the short and ugly syllables that GIs and officers brought home from overseas."



No More Hounding for Scout: Coast Guard veteran Scout kisses his mistress, Mrs. Nettie Marrone of the Bronx, after receiving a reprieve from death. Scout allegedly bit three kids, but a Health Department review said it was two. And the rules are it's gotta be three bites before you're out in the Canine League.

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The Steel Pact

THE new 15-cent wage agreement with "Big Steel," and the electrical contracts that preceded it, testify to the strength and constructive policy of the CIO unions.

The announcement of those agreements was a disappointment to those who hoped to provoke strife which they might exploit for their union-busting purposes.

The money gains average about 10 percent for most workers.

But no less important are new gains. Such as six paid holidays won by the electrical workers. And the severance pay plan, the narrowing down of North-South differentials, and further elimination of wage inequities, won by the steel union.

Above all, is the retention of maintenance of membership by both unions. U.S. Steel, it should be remembered, demanded restoration of the open shop.

BUT we don't see why workers anywhere should feel tied to a "15-cent pattern." The fact that so powerful a corporation conceded the raise should only make the amount a starting point in negotiations with other firms.

Nor should it be taken for granted that even the 15 cents is in the bag. It still remains to be seen how much of the steel industry follows U.S. Steel's lead, or whether other industries will show a willingness to settle peacefully.

The telephone trust is showing a greater interest in strikebreaking than in a settlement. The coal operators have hardly indicated a change of heart. The shipowners are preparing for a storm, not peace, judging by their maneuvers.

IT WOULD be very dangerous for labor to relax vigilance with a feeling that the "peace pattern" was set. The employers are ever watchful for soft spots in labor's armor. Their strategy may single out other industries for long and bitterly fought strikes.

It should be remembered that a wage contract is only as secure as is the labor organization behind it. The employers, unable to win by direct economic assault upon unions, are turning to anti-labor legislation.

They feel that if the Hartley or Taft bills become law, union security and labor's bargaining power will be whittled down to a shadow of the present state. They count on taking back what they give, and far more, if their pending laws take effect.

The "softening up" campaign of anti-labor hysteria and red-baiting has already cost labor a sizable chunk of wages. The campaign has undoubtedly been a factor that led unions to settle for a lower figure than might have been the case.

And that brings us to—

Truman and Prices

SINCE the last round of wage increases, according to the conservative Department of Labor index, the cost of living jumped more than 20 percent. The new 15-cent raises, if applied generally, would still leave workers from 8 to 10 percent behind their standard of a year ago.

The President, in his speech before the Associated Press, recognized as much. He laid down the cold price figures, noted the appalling drop in savings and the 50 percent increase in indebtedness by the little people.

He practically warned that we are traveling the path to another '29 crash if wage raises are followed with another hike in prices and profits.

The President's sole remedy is an appeal to the captains of industry to cut prices. But most people have not forgotten his last appeals to the kind heart of Big Business. The 10 months that followed brought a higher price rise than we have seen in the four preceding years.

Nor have we forgotten the days when another President—a certain Herbert Hoover—told the nation to rely on the good will of employers. Fifteen million were unemployed and average wage earning were down to less than \$18 a week by the time America stopped relying on his goodwill appeals and "around the corner" predictions.

Something more than a speech by Truman and more than a rash of bargain-sale advertisements are needed to force down prices.

LABOR RALLIES TODAY



Letters From Our Readers

A Rebel
Against Rome

Burbank, Cal.
Editor, Daily Worker:

A thought for the Easter just past.

Nineteen hundred and fourteen years ago, Jesus of Nazareth was crucified. In the eyes of the Romans, who then were rulers of Palestine, he was executed because he "stirred up the people"—in brief, was an agitator.

The cynical inscription placed on the cross, "This is Jesus, King of the Jews," written in Latin and Greek and Hebrew, was placed there to say to Roman subjects and to nations subject to Rome, "This is what happens to whoever dares dispute sovereignty with Rome!"

That the "kingdom" Jesus taught about was not temporal, did not matter. He put wrong ideas of liberty, equality and fraternity into peoples' heads.

Pierre van Paassen once reported a curious conversation with the French Marshal Lyautey, of World War I. Van Paassen asked the old soldier what he thought of Pilate's action. "You were the proconsul of the French Republic in Morocco as Pontius Pilate was the proconsul of Rome in Judea. How would your Excellency have dealt with a man like Jesus?"

Lyautey, rather amused by the question, said at once, "Pilate acted correctly as Roman proconsul. . . . Unquestionably a Roman governor in Judea could not tolerate a man who told the people things like this: 'Ye know that in this world the princes and mighty ones have authority, but in the kingdom that I shall bring it shall not be so.' That's dangerous speech. What else could he do but put Jesus out of the way, the man who threatened law and order? It has always seemed strange to me that Pilate waited three full years before he had him arrested. I would not have waited till he had infected the crowds in the capital with his seditious poison," ended the old Marshal. "I would have had him put before the firing squad in his home province, up north in Gallilee."

FRANCES MANNING.

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VIEWS ON LABOR NEWS

GAGGED BY OWN LEADERS

By George Morris

WHEN A CONSERVATIVE AFL leader like James McDevitt of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor calls for a show of rank and file sentiment, then the urgency must be very great.

McDevitt says in his letter to all Pennsylvania AFL affiliates that sponsors of slave labor legislation claim only leaders of labor oppose the measures. So he calls for the "rank and file" demonstration to show them how union members stand.

Conservative leaders and they are not all in the AFL, learn the hard way—after a lot of valuable time is already lost. Some don't even learn the hard way.



RECENTLY I learned from at least three sources, all of them responsible and reliable, that the New York Building Trades Council voted unanimously for a motion to call upon William Green and AFL secretary-treasurer George Meany, to call a nationwide 24-hour stoppage to show labor's opposition to slave labor legislation.

The motion also called for co-operation with other labor unions and for a New York open air demonstration. Only we ran the story.

But I and several other newsmen in the city have not been able to get official confirmation of the story. The Council's press agent even professed to be amazed and said no such decisions were made. In fact, he couldn't conceive of such decision because a one-day walkout would "antagonize" people in Congress.

THE SAME happened in New Jersey where not only telephone strikers but even city officials refused to enforce Governor Driscoll's ban on utility strikes. A spokesman for AFL unions announced that all sections of the labor movement agreed for a one-day state-wide protest strike.

For two days the papers blazed the news on the front pages and many unions were preparing. Suddenly, this spokesman discovered that there was a "misunderstanding." In fact, he told newsmen, he couldn't figure out how so many newspapermen could arrive at the same misunderstanding at the same time.

What happened in either of the two above cases? It's a familiar story. Word from the top came

down to cut out this "militant stuff." So some poor press agent or someone else had to be sucker for the rap in public.

What we are witnessing is an increasing pressure in the lower ranks of labor for something more than resolutions as an expression of sentiment against legislation that would take us back 140 years in labor relations.

THE MOST common story is that workers aren't too enthusiastic when you urge them to send post cards or wire congressmen. They look at you rather coldly as if to say "We did that a hundred times already." But let someone get up and suggest that a stoppage, demonstration or a march on a state capital be called, and the audience responds with explosive force.

This pressure is being felt strongly by the second and third line leaders of unions—those who actually see the workers and hear them. But the gentlemen secluded in some international union headquarters or busy from morning till night with office appointments, don't feel it at all.

A demonstration outside offices of some of our top Model T union leaders might be a very practical preliminary step for a demonstration that would impress our beloved legislators.

THE REACTIONARIES, meanwhile, have been getting away with murder with claims that they, not the labor leaders, speak for the rank and file worker. The country has been flooded with newspaper ads and literature describing the Hartley Bill program as "reforms" to "free" American labor from "union monopolies."

I have before me a fresh NAM pamphlet titled "Americans V'on't Stand for Monopolies." The NAM actually claims to represent the worker. In the face of this scandalous condition we have labor leaders who restrain their members from showing too much vigor for fear of "offending" some sensitive soul in Washington. The very people whom they fear to offend then turn around and say to you "I haven't seen your members too excited about this legislation."

McDevitt was frank enough to admit this situation. It is time our top labor leaders released the valves of sentiment.

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Forbes	100	55	45
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Lower East Side	140	81	59
Lower Harlem	140	94	46
Lower Heights	90	59	31
Lower Manhattan	90	51	39
Lower West Side	115	70	45
Unity Center	50	27	23
Washington Heights	90	45	45
West Side	140	100	40
Yorkville	85	41	44
STUDENTS	150	100	50

Here's How We'll Do It:

1. Section-wide meetings of Ben Davis and Ben Gold Brigaders (all who signed pledges of 5) during this week, for the purpose of organizing a corps of pace-setters in the various clubs.
2. Pace-Setter Clubs are urged to plan to complete June 1st goals by May 1st.
3. Workers' Meetings—We call on Clubs to assist individual comrades having shop or neighborhood contacts in arranging informal home gatherings this week for these contacts to discuss the role and contributions of the Party.
4. We propose that Club Executives gather lists of contacts from all members and assign visiting of contacts to specially selected recruiters on definite dates, with immediate check-up on visits.
5. Canvass to Recruit—Sunday, April 27th: Clubs to organize special mobilizations for canvassing with May Day edition of The Worker, for the purpose of recruiting.
6. Reports daily from Clubs to Section and from Sections to County on Recruiting Results.

ALL OUT MAY 1st

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Admission Communist Party of Brownsville

FLORIDA NEGRO SHAKES DEMO MACHINE

By Mary Southard

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 21. —In the face of a white primary bill now pending in the Florida Senate, Wilson Armstrong, Negro candidate, won second place in the April 15 Democratic primary election for City Council from Jacksonville's fifth ward.

He will stand for election in the run-off on April 29 against incumbent, Claude Smith, Jr., a member of the state executive committee of the Democratic Party.

It is 37 years since Jacksonville's last Negro councilman left office. When Armstrong first tried to file papers for his candidacy, local Democratic officials turned him away. After the city attorney ruled in his favor, a group of

unidentified white men came to his home with threats. Later he was offered \$800 to withdraw. But he was neither to be scared away or bought.

Most Negro citizens of Jacksonville, Florida's largest industrial city, live in the fifth ward. It is made up, as Armstrong said in his program, "largely of workers and their families who have very low incomes, mostly below decent subsistence level."

He is running on a platform of slum clearance and improved housing, better sewage and sanitation, better bus service and installation of Negro bus drivers, Negro policemen in Negro districts, equality in the city and county courts, recreational facilities for all the people,

against the white primary bill.

As a result of his campaign, a few small improvements, such as traffic lights and street resurfacing, have been made.

Armstrong is a plasterer's helper, a member of the AFL Central Trades Council and the executive board of the Construction Workers. He is a leader of the NAACP and the National Negro Congress, and a member of the Baptist Church.

Both white and Negro citizens have served on his campaign committee, and leading white citizens have attended campaign meetings in the fifth ward. A red-baiting attack on Armstrong backfired.

The job in the run-off will be to get out the vote in spite of every effort to intimidate Negro voters, and to carry Armstrong's program vigorously into the white community.

BUILDING

The Communist Party

By RECRUITER

REMEMBER the item 10 days ago about the Negro manager of a baseball team who joined the Communist Party in lower Washington Heights and recruited five members of the team? His score is now 25! One reason new members recruit is they don't know they can't.

The New York Times views with alarm the highly successful recruiting meeting in the radio manufacturing industry reported in this column last week. The Times was kind of impressed that 125 UE workers attended the meeting and 12 joined the Party. But shucks, that was nothing. One slip of a girl in the Hank Forbes section gave a party for 25 UE workers and recruited seven. What will the Times viewer-with-alarm make of that?

Wherever tried, recruiting teams are meeting with remarkable success. The Harriet Tubman club has a Negro and white team that recruited 10 new members in one week, working on just two blocks—W. 98 and W. 99th Streets, Manhattan. Club members turned over contacts to this ace recruiting combo and you know the rest.

Manhattan Communists have recruited more than 1,600 new members since the start of the drive. Some 53 percent of the new members are industrial workers. Gratiified but far from complacent, the New York organization is pondering ways to speed up the campaign.

The problem of speeding up is in many places the problem of finding new recruiting forces. Take Brooklyn, for example. In this drive it has recruited 800 new members. BUT, fewer than 250 Party members did the job. The Party in Brooklyn has about 8000 members. THAT MEANS THAT 7,750 BROOKLYN COMMUNISTS HAVE NOT TAKEN PART IN THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. Can Brooklyn muster substantial reinforcements from this reserve? I feel that the success of their drive hinges on this question. And it's a tough nut to crack. But it would be made that much easier if someone reading this item stepped forward and brought in a new member.

How about using our brigades to visit Party members who haven't done any recruiting with the purpose of helping them recruit?

MAY DAY NOTES

Saw the starting point of that first May Day parade in Chicago in 1886. The Farm Equipment Union has its headquarters on this famous site.

How times and newspapers change! Back in 1890 when the New York World-Telegram was the New York World, the May 2 edition of the paper carried an 8-column front page streamer hailing May Day as "Labor's Day of Emancipation!" It's still that kind of a day but no longer that kind of a paper.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35¢ per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum).

Tonight Manhattan

MOE MILLER speaks on "Marxism and the National Question." You are invited. Krumboltz Club, Forbes Section, CP, 85 E. 4th St.

SQUARE AND FOLK dance with Plute Pete and his Country Cousins. Stetway Hall, 113 West 57th St. Studio 612, 6th floor, 8:30 p.m.

Tomorrow Manhattan

CURRENT BOOK FORUM. Seymour Copstein, book reviewer, will discuss "Sons," by V. A. Smirnov. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave. (16th St.) 50c.

Tomorrow Brooklyn

"THE STAKE OF THE JEWS TODAY." Hear William S. Galanter, Leo Linder. Your questions answered. Admission 75c. Concordia Club, 49th St. Boro Park Club ALP.

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VILLAGE PROTEST RALLY. Councilman Ben Davis will speak on the brutal racial attacks in the Village. Support this demonstration! You may be next. Sponsored by Lower West Side Communist Party. Thursday nite, 7:30 p.m., corner 9th St. and 6th Ave.

And then there was the New York Sun, of vintage 1886, practically coming out as a May Day issue, complete with laudatory articles and sketches. Ah, but that was many stock market quotations ago. . . .

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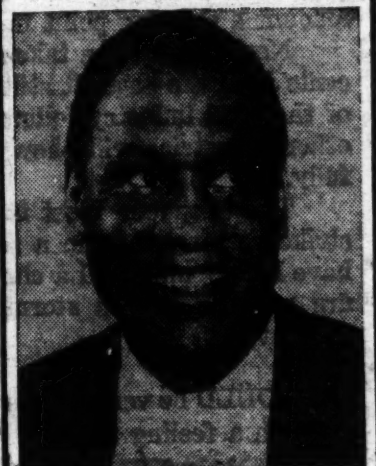
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Featured Programs

MORNING

11:00-WOR-News-Prescott Robinson
 • WNBC-Fred Waring Show
 WJZ-Breakfast With Breneman
 WQXR-Arthur Godfrey
 WQXR-News; Alma Dettinger
 11:15-WOR-Tello Test Quiz
 11:30-WNBC-Jack Berch Show
 WJZ-Kate Smith Serenade
 WJZ-Hollywood Story-Sketch
 WQXR-Grand Slam-Musical Quiz
 WQXR-Stringtime
 11:45-WNBC-Lora Lawton-Sketch
 WJZ-Talk-Victor H. Lindlahr
 WJZ-William Lang Show
 WQXR-Rosemary-Sketch

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC-Red Hall, News
 WJZ-Home Edition-News
 WJZ-Kenny Baker Show
 WQXR-News; Kate Smith's Chat
 WQXR-News; Luncheon Concert
 12:15-WNBC-Metropolitan News
 WJZ-Checkerboard Jamboree
 WQXR-Aunt Jenny's Stories
 12:30-WNBC-Magdi McNeill
 WJZ-News; So This is Love
 WJZ-News-Nancy Craig
 WQXR-Helen Trent
 12:45-WNBC-Memory Album
 WQXR-Our Gal Sunday
 1:00-WNBC-Mary Margaret McBride
 WJZ-Better Half Matinee
 WJZ-H. R. Baukhage-News
 WQXR-Big Sister-Sketch
 • WQXR-News; Midday Symphony
 1:15-WNBC-Ma Perkins
 WJZ-Powers Chain School
 1:30-WOR-Listen Here, Ladies
 WJZ-Galen Drake
 WQXR-Young Dr. Malone
 1:45-WNBC-Robert McCormick, News
 WJZ-The Answer Man
 WQXR-Road of Life
 2:00-WNBC-Today's Children-Sketch
 WJZ-Daily Dilemmas
 WJZ-Kennan's Corner
 WQXR-Second Mrs. Burton
 WQXR-News; Program Favorite
 2:15-WNBC-Woman in White-Sketch
 WJZ-The Woman's Exchange
 WQXR-Perry Mason-Sketch
 2:30-WNBC-Masquerade-Sketch
 WJZ-Daily Dilemmas
 WJZ-Bride and Groom
 WQXR-Lone Journey-Sketch
 WQXR-Curtain at 2:30
 2:40-WNBC-Betty Crocker, Talk
 2:45-WNBC-Light of the World-Sketch
 WQXR-Rose of My Dreams
 WQXR-Music Memory Game
 3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful
 WJZ-Martha Deane Program
 WJZ-Ladies Be Seated
 WQXR-Bouquet for You
 WQXR-News; Recent Releases
 3:15-WNBC-Ma Perkins-Sketch
 3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young
 WJZ-Rambling With Gambling
 WJZ-Pat Barnes Talk
 WQXR-Winner Take All
 • WQXR-What's On Your Mind?-Modern Women
 3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness
 WJZ-Studio Tour
 4:00-WNBC-Backstage Wife
 WJZ-Ask Dr. Toby
 WJZ-Tommy Bartlett Show
 • WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee
 4:15-WNBC-Stella Dallas
 4:30-WNBC-Lorenzo Jones-Sketch
 WJZ-Barry Gray Show
 WJZ-Cliff Edwards, Songs
 WQXR-Jolly Kerns Orchestra
 4:45-WNBC-Young Widder Brown
 WJZ-Adventure Parade
 WJZ-Dick Tracy-Sketch
 5:00-WNBC-When a Girl Marries
 WJZ-Ed and Albert
 WQXR-Terry and the Pirates
 WQXR-School of the Air
 WQXR-News; Today in Music
 5:15-WNBC-Portia Faces Life
 • WJZ-Superman
 WJZ-Sky King-Sketch
 WQXR-Latin-American Rhythms
 5:30-WNBC-Just Plain Bill
 WJZ-Captain Midnight-Sketch
 WJZ-Jack Armstrong-Sketch
 WQXR-Treasure Bandstand
 WQXR-Cocktail Time
 5:45-WNBC-Front Page Farrell
 WJZ-Tom Mix-Sketch
 WJZ-Tennessee Jed-Sketch

EVENING

6:00-WNBC-Kenneth Banghart, News
 WJZ-George C. Fugate, News
 WJZ-News, Sports-Joe Hazel
 WQXR-News; Eric Sevareid
 WQXR-News; Music to Remember
 6:15-WNBC-Serenade to America
 WJZ-On the Century-Interviews
 WJZ-Ethel and Albert
 WQXR-Frontiers of Science
 6:30-WNBC-Sports-Red Barber
 WQXR-Dinner Concert
 WJZ-News-Fred Van deventer
 WJZ-Allen Prescott-Talk
 6:40-WNBC-Sports-Bill Stern
 6:45-WNBC-Lowell Thomas, News
 WJZ-Ed and Pegeen Fitzgerald
 WJZ-Sports
 WQXR-Robert Trout, News
 7:00-WNBC-Supper Club Variety
 WJZ-Fulton Lewis Jr., Comments
 WJZ-Headline Edition
 • WQXR-Mystery of the Week
 WQXR-News; Celebrity Hall
 7:15-WNBC-News of the World
 WJZ-The Answer Man
 WJZ-Elmer Davis
 WQXR-Jack Smith Show
 7:30-WOR-Arthur Hale
 • WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh
 • WNBC-Hollywood Theatre
 WJZ-Boston Blackie-Play
 WQXR-American Melody Hour
 WQXR-Record Rarities
 7:45-WOR-Sports-Bill Brandt
 8:00-WJZ-Lum 'n' Abner
 • WNBC-Milton Berle Show
 • WJZ-Scotland Yard-Play, With Basil Rathbone
 WJZ-Lum 'n' Abner
 WQXR-Big Town-Sketch
 WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
 8:15-WJZ-Skip Farrell Show
 8:30-WNBC-A Date With Judy-Comedy
 WJZ-The Falcon-Sketch
 • WJZ-Boston Symphony Orchestra
 WQXR-Mel Blanc Show

Condolences

SINCERE CONDOLENCES to Sammy Diamond on the untimely death of his father.
 -Williamsburg Section Committee.
 WE MOURN our loss, Oliver Swanson, Seaman Communist, killed in the line of duty in the Texas City Disaster.
 -Waterfront Section CP.

12:00-WNBC-News; Music
 WJZ-News; Music
 WQXR-News; Records

Station WNYC

All programs subject to change to allow for WNYC's complete and exclusive coverage of all UN Security Council meetings.
 9:00-Masterwork Hour. Albert Coates conducts. Soloist: Vladimir Horowitz, Pianist. "Piano Concerto No. 3," by Rachmaninoff
 9:55-News Summary
 10:00-City Fun with Children, with Becky Reyher
 10:15-"Madeleine Takes Command" on Board of Education "Books on Adventure"
 10:30-"The Extraction of Teeth"-Dr. Bernard P. Morgenstern of the Oral Hygiene Committee of Greater New York
 10:45-Health Department - Nutrition News with Margaret Conner
 10:55-News Summary
 11:00-Organ Odes
 11:30-BBC Radio Newsreel
 11:45-Music Time
 12:00-Midday Symphony. "Symphony No. 6," by Boyce
 12:55-News Summary
 1:00-Missing Persons Clairs

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1:05-City News Summary
 1:15-Town Hall Club Forum from Town Hall. Alan Green, executive member of "Americans United for World Government," speaks on "World Government"
 1:40-Harry Hershfield, Fanny Hurst and Alfred McCosker speak for McCosker-Hershfield Cardiac Home Fund-Raising Drive, from the Grand Ballroom of Hotel Astor
 1:55-News Summary
 2:00-Official U. S. Weather Report
 2:05-"The Prospect Heights Scribe" on Board of Education "Book Parade"
 2:30-Symphonic Matinee. "Symphony No. 2 in D Major," by Sibelius
 3:55-News Summary
 4:00-Four Strings at Four. "Quintet in C Major," by Mozart
 4:55-News Summary
 5:00-Peggy Tucker, Story Teller
 5:30-Songs at Eventide. Charles Danford, Baritone
 5:45-United Parents Association Series. H. Rikelman and Rose Kobert speak on "Crime in the Home"
 5:55-News Summary
 6:00-Folksinger. Dorothy McNeil

Scotch Songs
 6:15-Stylings in Jazz. Al Anderson.
 6:45-Official U. S. Weather Report. USES "Help Want Column of the Air"
 6:55-News Summary
 7:00-Masterwork Hour. "Albert Coates conducts. Soloist: Vladimir Horowitz, Pianist. "Piano Concerto No. 3," by Rachmaninoff
 7:55-News Summary
 8:00-"Musical Caravan" presents the star of "Finian's Rainbow," David Wayne, speaking for the American Cancer Society. A recorded and transcribed feature with Eve as MC
 8:30-CCNY Radio Conference-"Radio and the Public." Speakers: Justice Ferdinand Pecora, Ben Grauer, Henry Morgan, Mary Margaret McBride, Dr. Lyman Bryson, Elissa Landi and others in dramatized conference session entitled "Listeners Speak to Radio"
 9:55-News Summary
 10:00-PM ONLY. The City Hour. Music and Public Service Announcements
 10:55-PM ONLY. Final News Summary and Sign-off

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They'll Never Forget
Benny Leonard

By Bill Mardo

JUST ONE WORD, added to the many, already written on Benny Leonard. He was before my time and all we ever saw of him and a boxing ring were those many Friday nights when he refereed at the Garden. You looked at the portly, balding gent gliding around in there, never obtrusive, never getting in the way as so many refs do—and always the thought hitting you that here was smoothness personified.



BENNY LEONARD

You looked at him and always silently joined the loud round of applause when brother Balough would announce — "referee — Benny Leonard." And always you could hear the silent thoughts flooding the Garden—"God, what a fighter he was."

To the kids of this generation his name carried the same lustre of a Jack Dempsey. The same associating it with some special, far and above the average famed scrapper of yesteryear. The wonderfully unique stories of him whenever young fight fans got together for a bull session on the street corners of America. Always the business of how Benny never liked to get his patent-leather hair mussed, and pity the guy who was fool enough to part a strand of it with his glove tip. Always the old Lew Tendler story — how Benny was caught with a murderous left hook and was just one push away from going down and losing his precious lightweight title. How he gained that vital second of respite by stopping Tendler cold in his tracks with the now immortal crack: "Can't you hit any harder than that?"

Yes, that was Benny's forte. A quicksilver type of braininess that, added to his boxing brilliance and heavy punch, made him about as invincible as any one fighter ever could be. Maybe not all of you know another story which is a classic example of the late Leonard's cleverness. Benny and Ritchie Mitchell were in midring getting instructions on a 1931 night at Madison Square Garden. Leonard listened intently, scratched his head and interrupted the referee: "Just a second, let me get this straight. As I understand it, I'm to return to a neutral corner every time I knock Mitchell down." It's superfluous to add that mister Mitchell was a dead duck then and there.

Oh so many stories about that skinny Jewish kid who came off the East Side sidewalks to become the only lightweight in the world whom oldtimers today would've rated an even chance with Joe Gans.

And maybe that comparison with Gans is about the best way of saying so-long to the one and only Benny Leonard.

MAYBE ED SULLIVAN figured he'd look like the Great Sympathetic Progressive with this item in his column yesterday: "Brooklyn Dodger dugout and clubhouse treatment of Jackie Robinson making it tougher for the kid (even when he belted his homer, his teammates ignored him, the jerks)." . . .

Sullivan should've checked his source of information from purely a journalistic point of view—and if he's truly concerned about Jackie Robinson he wouldn't print harmful trash like that. For one thing, I don't recall seeing Sullivan in the Polo Grounds press box the afternoon Jackie hit for the circuit—but Robby did get the congratulations of his teammates when he got back to the dugout. Secondly, about the alleged "treatment" Jackie is getting. Most of his Dodger teammates are all for him. Go out to the ballpark any day when the Brooks are home, Mr. Sullivan, and you'll note the friendly by-play between Jackie and Ed Stanky, for example. Or if you get to the field early, you might see Southerner Hugh Casey giving Jackie some tips about that first base job. Pety Reiser has publicly rooted for Jackie . . . and so on, right down the line.

Burt Shotten, new Dodger mentor, said only yesterday: "The whole bench is pulling for Robby. They seem to expect a hit from him now, and it's my guess he's shown the other players he can help this club, and has won them over."

Let's have the facts, Sullivan, and not the gossip nonsense that harms Jackie and slanders the majority of his teammates.

U.P. Sees 'Door Wide Open' For Negro Baseball Stars

(The following item by United Press will be of interest to our readers, though the fact remains that no club owner except Rickey has done anything about signing Negroes. Only Pittsburgh and Detroit magnates, answering a Daily Worker questionnaire, said they had no Jimcrow policy and would sign the best men available—and they have done nothing to back up that statement.)

Baseball and Pro football held the door wide open today for Negro athletes.

Football, long past the "experimental" stage, has 10 Negroes under contract in the two pro leagues next season and, with the barriers almost completely broken down, there may be more.

So far, only Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers has defied baseball's unwritten law on the color line with Jackie Robinson already introduced as a major leaguer and a husky catcher named Roy Campanella on the roster of his Montreal farm club. But the wedge has been driven and after a look at

Jackie in the big show this year scouts of other clubs will think twice before thumbing down any rookie—regardless of his race.

The All-America conference has eight of the 10 Negroes in pro football. Brooklyn, following Rickey's lead, signed trackster Elmore Harris and Sam Gamble. The Los Angeles Dons have Dave Brown and Oscar Givens, Cleveland's champion Browns have Marion Motley, Bob Willis and Horace Gillom and the Chicago Rockets picked up Bernie Jefferson. In the National League, there are Kenny Washington and Woody Strode of the Los Angeles Rams.



HALL GREGG, young fastballer, over last year's arm trouble, is slated to tackle the surprising Phils at Ebbets Field today in his starting debut.

Yanks, Sox In Early Test

DiMag in Stadium Lineup—Dodgers Tackle Phils

A Yankee team suddenly transformed by the appearance of its great star, Joe DiMaggio, in the lineup, confidently takes on the Boston Red Sox today in the first test between the teams expected to make what fight their will be for the American League pennant.

Joe made his first appearance in

Philly belted one long homer with two on and was robbed of another and looked good in the field despite his specially constructed shoe. Also on the encouraging side for the Yanks has been the hitting of Bobby Brown and Yogi Berra, two key rookies. Fine pitching performance by vet Spud Chandler and extraordinary rookie Don Johnson also go to pick up pennant talk around the Yankee bench.

Bill Bevens, staff ace, goes today against Williams and co., followed by Allie Reynolds tomorrow. Though the series is an early one, it carries all kinds of psychological edge possibilities with it.

Dons Sign 2nd Negro Star, Promise More

Givens 10th in Pro League

(Nat Low, former Daily Worker writer now living out in the land of sunshine for his health, comes in with this story from Los Angeles.)

By Nat Low

LOS ANGELES, April 21.—The Los Angeles Dons of the All America Football Conference today signed their second Negro gridder in two weeks when quarterback Oscar Givens of Morgan State College

affixed his signature to a contract.

Last week the Dons became the third team in major league pro football to dump Jimcrow overboard by grabbing Negro center John Brown of North Carolina College. (The Brooklyn Dodgers subsequently signed two Negro players and the Chicago Rockets one).

A spokesman for the Dons told the Daily Worker today that "we have even more Negro players ready to join the clubs. Announcements of their signing will be forthcoming shortly."

Givens becomes the tenth Negro in pro football and can well turn out to be the most famous. Don coach Dudley DeGroot has a ream of enthusiastic reports on Givens who was named unanimous All-Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association quarterback in 1941, '42 and '46.

Givens entered the Army at the close of the 1942 season and upon discharge in the spring of 1946 he reentered Morgan State and led his team to an unbeaten season and to the Negro intercollegiate championship.

A 24-year-old, 200-pound husky, Givens worked out of the T formation last season and was acclaimed one of the finest passers in college ranks as well as a masterful signal caller. A tipoff on his ability can be gleaned from the statement of a Don official that Givens will see plenty of action at quarterback. The Dons regular quarterback last year was none other than Angelo Bertelli, the famed former Notre

Dame great. Bertelli got off to a slow start last season but caught fire shortly and wowed the circuit thereafter.

Givens must be plenty good if he is ticketed to share quarterbacking honors with Bertelli.

Givens, who comes from Linden, N. J., was one of the state's greatest all-around athletes. He was an all-state high school choice in football, baseball and basketball two seasons and captained all three squads his senior year. This latter feat is unequalled in New Jersey high school athletic history.

Labor Chess Finals On

The final match of the Labor Sports Federation Chess Tournament will be played tonight at 8:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Chess Club, which meets at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

The semi-final round (a report of which was earlier prepared but failed to appear because of accident) was previously played at the Furriers' Union Hall.

The scores of the semi-final round were: Pollard 1½, Baumblatt ½, and Goodman 2, Cherry 0.

The final match between Pollard and Goodman is open to spectators. Remember tonight, Tuesday, 8 p.m., Brooklyn Chess Club at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

DODGERS BACK

The Dodgers and the Giants were rained out yesterday. The Brooks are back at Ebbets Field today to meet the second place (sic!) Phils behind Hal Gregg or possibly Joe Hatten. The in and out Giants, suffering from lack of many good pitchers and rookie-itis afield, go to Boston. There's punch but no balance in the uptown lineup. They could profitably use some of Brooklyn's surplus players, especially pitchers.



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Theatre

Theodore Ward's "Our Lan" A Play of Beauty and Power

By Samuel Sillen

Writing with eloquence and force, Theodore Ward gives us a memorable image of the Reconstruction period in his new play, *Our Lan*. In this drama, Ward again asserts the bold, vital talent that distinguished his earlier *Big White Fog*, produced by the Federal Theater.

If Broadway has not yet recognized Ward's work, that is a comment on the sluggish mentality of the commercial theater, not to mention its continued discouragement of Negro playwrights in general. The new play is being presented by the up and coming Associated Playwrights Inc., which is giving a fine production at the Henry Street Playhouse.

In ten scenes, *Our Lan* chronicles the hopes, disappointments and heroic struggles of a group of Negroes freed by the Civil War. Promised their forty acres by General Sherman, they migrate to an island off the coast of Georgia. Joyfully they begin to build their own lives on the land given them by the Union Army during the war. But after the death of Lincoln, the army of liberation becomes a police force to snatch away their land and return it to the Confederate plantation owner.

Ward has portrayed his people with great warmth and understanding. In the figure of the Negro leader Joshua Tain he has expressed the hope and courage with which the freedmen face their new lives. Tain is a genuinely heroic figure, and he is superbly played by William Veasey, whose Lincolnian appearance is remarkably suited for the role. A man at once gentle and firm, he is never idealized as he leads his people to a promised

"OUR LAN" Theodore Ward Play Staged at Henry Street

"OUR LAN," a play by Theodore Ward, settings by Edward R. Mitchell, costumes by Jerry Stone and Sylvia Spiegel, staged by Mr. Mitchell and presented by the Associated Playwrights, Inc., at the Henry Street Playhouse with the following cast:

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THEODORE WARD

of the aristocratic Negro, Ollie Webster, seems conventional and overdone, though this is no doubt exaggerated by what appears to be poor casting. The role of Delphine, who is in love with Joshua, is unclearly defined, and her affair with Ollie treads dangerously on unconvincing melodrama. These conventional elements in the play stand out all the more because the work as a whole is so strikingly free of familiar, worn-out patterns.

Some critics may quarrel with the leisurely episodic form of the drama, but this seems to me necessary and appropriate to the theme. What is true is that more intensity could be gained by swifter pacing in the direction.

A work of great integrity, *Our Lan* never compromises its vision of the great democratic struggles waged by the freedmen after the Civil War; nor does it blunt the betrayal of the Johnson administration acting in concert with Southern reactionaries. It is a hard-hitting work, vigorously alive, authentic, moving. It deserves wider audience than it can get during the brief stay for which it is scheduled at the Henry Street Playhouse.

It is a vital contribution to people's theatre, and ways and means must be found for getting it to the people, with or without benefit of Broadway. In the meantime, don't miss the chance to see *Our Lan* at the Henry Street Playhouse.

land, defies those who would take it away, and finally goes to his death rather than yield what has become so precious.

But this is not simply a play about a leader; it is the story of a people. Ward has given the work a genuine folk quality which lifts into poetry and which in its spirited dialogue wonderfully imparts humanity and humor.

With complete naturalness, the group expresses itself in dance and in song, not in the cued-in character of musical comedy, but with organic spontaneity. This is true of the scenes of jubilation, such as the arrival on the island, and of the scenes of grief, such as the deeply moving sequence in which the death of Lincoln is mourned. And in these scenes, Muriel Smith particularly sings with a lyrical sweetness and pathos that one will not easily forget.

Ward has avoided lengthy discourses on the meaning of Reconstruction, but the main features of this epoch, and its meaning in terms of the Negro people, emerge with great clarity. The spirit of the historic experience is beautifully conveyed by the large cast.

The weaknesses in the play are secondary though real. The part

Radio

ROUNDUP

WMCA's Young Book Reviewers bit into an unusual item this past Saturday (11:30 a.m.). The teenage club joined John Campbell, editor of "Astounding Science Fiction," in a discussion of the anthology, "Adventures in Time and Space," edited by J. O. McComas and R. J. Healy.

The discussion naturally turned to the general subject of science fiction, which Mr. Campbell defined as "an extrapolation into the future of modern scientific development." The stories deal with things which, in the light of our advancing scientific knowledge, could conceivably happen someday, such things as interplanetary wars, time travel, robots that behaved like humans, odd inventions that might do unpredictable things, unusual mutations, and the future rise and fall of civilizations.

During the 10 years that Mr. Campbell has worked as a "pulp editor" for Street and Smith, "Astounding" has had a gradual face lifting. Originally a blood and thunder magazine filled with interplanetary "cops and robbers" tales, it is now a slightly more sophisticated publication, with stories and scientific articles often written by and slanted for professional scientists and technicians. The result has been that many of the juvenile fans have bolted the mag they now dub "Technician's Bedtime Stories" and have attached themselves to the more lurid magazines in the field, such as the racy "Planet Stories," the semi-metaphysical "Amazing Stories" and the flashy "Startling Stories."

Campbell, along with a number of other followers of this type of fiction have been basking in limelight since Nagasaki. Pointing to stories dealing with atomic energy which appeared in "Astounding" and the older "Amazing" years ago, they are now proud to say, "We told you so." And they're cashing in on this prestige by offering all sorts of irrational solutions for the problems of the world today. Such as depopulating all large cities before the bomb does the job. Or giving atomic energy to Spain who "has as much right to it as anyone else."

Such is in line with the conservative policy of the magazine, which seems to require that all future "utopian" societies be shown as impractical, and that our great system of free enterprise should per-



A dramatic production by John La Touche, noted screen, radio and song writer, dealing with African and colonial freedom will be a feature of the Paul Robeson Birthday Rally this Friday night at the 71st Regiment Armory, 34 St. and Park Ave., N. Y. The Council on African Affairs is sponsoring the rally for the distinguished American singer and Council chairman.

sist until imperialism was spread to the farthest star.

The half hour program fell far short of being interesting, despite the intriguing subject matter. The discussion consisted chiefly of the dozen or more youngsters telling which stories in the anthology they liked best or least. There was little leeway for really interesting argument.

The anthology, by the way, published last year by Random House, is worth your while, if you care for science fiction at all. It contains some of the best yarns in the field.

RANDOM NOTES:

Burl Ives will be Bing Crosby's guest again, Wednesday, April 23, 10 p.m., WJZ. . . . Recommend "Echoes of the Big Time" record memory session, nightly except Sunday, 7:15 on WMCA. . . . State Department's "Voice of America" broadcasts to Russia being pepped up with Benny Goodman as disc jockey. . . . Milton Howard will defend Communists in a radio debate next week. . . . WJZ will poll radio audience Thursday, April 24, 8:30 p.m., on Truman Foreign Policy. WOR dropped a similar idea like a hot potato after that ill-fated decision against Truman policy.

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Tenting Tonight is Slight Comedy On Vets' Housing

By John Reiner

With the problem of housing for veterans in college as a starting point Frank Gould wrote *Tenting Tonight* at the Booth, a contrived comedy that ends up by being unflattering to the veteran rather than bringing attention to their need. Certainly there are comic as well as tragic aspects to the housing shortage but Mr. Gould in his frantic effort to be funny at all costs never bothers to explore the subject. Instead he has collected a group of outlandish characters involved in far fetched situations.

A group of veterans preparing for college entrance examinations invade the home of Professor Roberts (Richard Clark) when his wife Leonie (Jean Muir) inserts an ad in the newspaper making their living room available to a veteran in the college. First comes Phil Alexander (Dean Harens) an enter-

prising wolf who eventually falls in love with the professor's niece Edna Roberts (June Dayton). Then comes Stanley Fowler (Ralph Brooke) who tutors Elliott Smollens (Jackie Kelk) a schlemiel who turns turns out to have been a hero in the Pacific.

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Another veteran who joins them is Joe Molliski (Joshua Shelley) a bookie with a photographic mind. Joe's boss Yock Janowski and some gambler friends are about to start a night club near the college but the boys sell him the idea of a dormitory for veterans instead. The overstuffed president of the college presents himself as an obstacle until he too is converted when President Truman and General Bradley send him congratulatory telegrams.

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AFL Asks CIO Meet On Unity Thursday

Special to the Daily Worker

WASHINGTON, April 21.—A united front of 13,000,000 organized workers loomed today as an early possibility when the AFL executive council in session here asked the CIO to meet its representatives to discuss united action and a merger. The AFL's wire to Philip Murray, setting Thursday for talks, agreed with the CIO's stipulation that immediate united action against slave labor legislation also be taken up.

AFL President William Green told a press conference that while the primary problem will be "organic unity," a united front against the Hartley and Taft bills before Congress and state anti-labor bills would be also taken up.

GREEN HOPEFUL

He said in response to questions that he and Murray had been "brought together" by the drive in Congress and state legislatures to smash labor.

While a merger could not come overnight, Green was confident that a plan would be worked out. He "personally hoped" the merged organization will retain the name "American Federation of Labor."

The AFL and CIO had each named a committee of five to discuss the unity. Green's wire to Murray said:

"In conformity with stipulation you set forth in your letter dated March 13 that the executive council of the AFL fix a time and place for a meeting of committees representing AFL and CIO, the council at this morning's session set Thursday morning, April 24, 11 o'clock at Statler Hotel, Washington, as time and place for a meeting of said committees."

MURRAY'S REPLY

Murray's letter, referred to in Green's wire, said his committee "awaits word" on the date and place, and added:

"It is inconceivable that once we meet we would not, in the face of the stark pressing danger confronting American labor, determine upon immediate protective measures in addition to engaging in a discussion for the achievement of organic unity."

The AFL's 15-man executive council, in the two weeks it plans to spend here, will be mainly concerned with the serious threat to labor in Congress.

That AFL leaders are becoming increasingly concerned was indicated last week when secretary-treasurer George Meany, in a radio address, projected the possibility of abandonment of the AFL's non-partisan policy if the Republicans continue to press their Hartley bill program.

WARN GOP

Murray who was in Pittsburgh meeting with his union's policy committee on the new U.S. Steel contract, said the AFL bid for a unity conference this week would be given "earnest consideration." He said he had not yet seen a copy of Green's telegram and could not comment further.

The correspondence began Dec. 5, when Murray proposed a united front of the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods to defeat anti-labor legislation. The AFL countered with a suggestion that only actual merger talks would meet the problem and named a committee of five.

The AFL's committee consists of Green, John L. Lewis, William Hutcheson of the Carpenters, Meany and Daniel Tobin of the Teamsters.

The CIO's committee consists of Murray, Walter Reuther of the UAW, Albert J. Fitzgerald, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, Emile Rieve of Textile and Jacob Potofsky of clothing.

A.T.&T. Inspires Strike Violence

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Company-inspired violence flared on the nation's telephone picket lines today as the walkout of 340,000 Bell System workers headed into its third week.

In Detroit, 24 strikers were arrested after a struggle in which the police injured three. One striker was framed on an assault and battery charge.

The union accused police of strikebreaking, and clubbing pickets into submission. Three young women strikers in Louisville, Ky., also were arrested after a scuffle with a scab. Circuit Judge Scott Miller, acceding to the demand of the Southern Bell Co., issued an order limiting two pickets to a building.

CITES PROMISE

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co., a Bell system subsidiary here, announced the steel and electrical agreements would have no effect on the phone trust.

Joseph Belrne, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, protested that the AT&T, and its Bell subsidiaries had promised to make their first wage offer after a wage pattern had been set by steel and other industries. He said "the telephone companies have no argument left unless they want

to break the union. That will be a long-term project."

The NFWW announced the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. had made the first wage offer of any Bell subsidiary. The offer—7½ cents—was made to the striking traffic workers through the New Jersey Mediation Board. The strikers rejected the offer as inadequate.

In New York mass picket lines—the biggest and most spirited of the strike—moved before the AT&T building at 195 Broadway and branch offices throughout the city.

Commissioner J. R. Mandelbaum, of the U. S. Conciliation Service, met again yesterday morning with company officials and later with heads of the unions. Results were not announced.

VACCINATED

Physicians connected with the Medical Division of the Progressive Citizens of America were busy vaccinating New York telephone strikers.

The strikers yesterday received a \$5,000 contribution from the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

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in wealth "an unparalleled record for peacetime goods and services, devoted to the needs and enjoyments of the American people."

"But," he continued on a warning note, "I must say in all frankness that the economic skies are not exactly clear. One cloud is shadowing our economic future."

"That cloud is caused by the sharp and rapid rise in prices."

"Some say this cloud is certain to burst. They are sure of a recession or a depression. I do not share their belief that either of these is inevitable."

"I believe that we, as a nation, can prevent this economic cloud-burst. But it requires, prompt, preventive steps."

Truman recalled that he had recommended continued price controls last spring but that "a group saw fit to sabotage price control and represented to the public that prices would come down in a free market."

"This has not taken place," he said. "On the contrary, prices rose sharply after controls were taken off and they have continued to rise."

The President said that the worldwide shortage of food, and not the government's program of supporting farmers' prices, was responsible for high food prices. He pointed out that the support price for wheat was \$1.82 a bushel while the market price was \$2.50.

"Let me repeat," he said, "the government policy of supporting farm prices is not the cause of the prevailing high food prices."

He listed as "government responsibilities" in the fight

Paraplegic Vets Bowl

WASHINGTON, April 21 (UP).—Bowling from wheel chairs, 42 paralyzed war veterans will participate in a four-week national 10-pin tournament beginning tomorrow at six Veterans Administration Paraplegic centers.

The veterans, undergoing treatment for paralysis from the waist down, comprise six teams of five regulars and two alternates selected in competitive tryouts to represent paraplegic centers in Framingham, Mass., the Bronx and Staten Island, New York; Memphis, Tenn.; Hines, Ill., and Van Nuys, Calif.

NAACP JOINS DEFENSE OF BEATEN NEGRO

By John Hudson Jones

MINEOLA, N. Y., April 21.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today entered the case of William J. Des-

saure, charged with second degree assault on four cops that beat him June 8.

Before County Judge Ormsby T. Richie, District Attorney James N. Gehrig attacked the NAACP for "bad faith" when attorney Franklin Williams asked for an adjournment.

Williams wanted it, he said to prepare support for Dessaure's counsel, Stanley Faulkner.

Ignoring Gehrig's protest Judge Ormsby postponed the trial until 2 p.m., April 28.

Williams declared that he was "surprised at the District Attorney's attack on the NAACP." He went on to say that the NAACP had been entering in cases to protect the civil rights of Negroes since 1910, and "we have never been accused



by BARNARD RUBIN

HOLLYWOOD producers who are rushing to produce anti-Soviet war-inciting films, based on alleged Soviet "spy" cases in Canada, so far have neglected to mention that seven of those originally arrested on framed up "spy" charges during the scare period—have already been released! There was not an iota of evidence to prove the charges. Other convictions, obtained during the artificially created hysteria, are being appealed. . . .



Congress has finally succeeded in jolting the traditionally conservative leadership of the entertainers' unions into mass action. Up till now most of the leadership refused to believe that Congress would go as far as outlawing the closed shop (the mainstay of these unions) and industrywide bargaining. When the Hartley bill was passed they finally realized it was fight or die. Their meeting yesterday will probably be followed by all kinds of mass action. . . .

Mary Boland will star in Harry Young's play, Open House. Coby Rusk directing. . . .

Quel in the Sun's publicity man will play down the sex angle promotion for that film's British run. Polls there seem to show that the British public resent Hollywood's sexy ballyhoos. . . .

Schaeffer Beer has bought the endorsements of a flock of male movie stars for a new advertisement campaign. . . .

Cab Calloway, Count Basie, the Mills Brothers among those starring in Astor Pictures all-Negro musical now being completed. . . .

Mae West won that plagiarism suit against her. About Catherine the Great. . . .

Jean Renoir writing a story for Charles Laughton about a small town undertaker. . . .

George Kleinsinger has just completed a requiem for Franklin D. Roosevelt. Based on some of Walt Whitman's poems. . . .

Ida Lupino's next will be based on a 20-year-old Louis Bromfield novel, Early Autumn. A new outfit, Arcadia Productions, will produce. . . .

It now looks quite definite that Ted Ward's play, Our Lan', clicking at the Henry Street Settlement Playhouse, will eventually hit Broadway. Ward is being rushed by producers. . . .

Frank Sinatra's scripts now written by Bob Lee and Jerry Laurence. . . .

J. Carrol Naish also in the recording business now—Vonna Records. Will produce albums of religious organ music and biblical narrations by Naish. . . .

Michele Morgan has been signed by British producers, London Films, for Joan of Arc. Shooting in Paris. . . .

Arthur Kennedy and the entire cast of All My Sons will be honored at an after-theatre party tonight by John Martin, at the Hotel Algonquin which he manages. . . .

Those who were there say that was quite an exciting reading of Halsted Welles' script, The Gods Sit Back, at the home of Collier Wharton night before last. Sam Wanamaker, Beatrice Straight, Raymond Edward Johnson and Martin Wolfson among those reading parts. It's about the New York cholera plague in 1832—and potential backers were extremely impressed. Lester Cowan, who produced GI Joe, is interested in the movie rights. . . .

Ben Maddow, who wrote the narration for Native Land, has just sold his first novel. . . .

The Brooklyn Strand will premiere a short titled Road to Hollywood April 30 recording Big Crosby's rise to movie fame. If you care. . . .

The CIO Chorus will make its first big show at Town Hall May 24. Fifty-five singers with the union label. . . .

On Whitman Avenue wanted by Swedish and Australian producers. . . .

The James Masons due for an appearance at Richard Aldrich's Dennis Cape Theatre this summer. . . .

The Freedom Road film producers now have about half the money they need, and are looking for more. Thinking of booking the film a la road company same as Henry V. . . .

You can rent Pathe's new Harlem Studio to make your own movies—at \$2,250 a day. . . .

When Artur Rodzinski used to conduct for the New York Philharmonic he wasn't too popular with some of the men in the orchestra. One day, when they were rehearsing Beethoven's Fifth, the maestro was trying a few somewhat unusual interpretations of the standard work. . . .

This very obviously disgruntled one of the string players who kept grimacing and muttering under his breath. Finally, Rodzinski threw down his baton, pointed his finger at the offender and shouted, "I heard you that time. I demand an apology."

The string player snapped back, "First YOU apologize to Beethoven—then I'll apologize to you!" . . .

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of bad faith before."

Desaure was beaten after he had reported the presence of a cop in a Rockville Centre gambling house. Williams declared that the NAACP was "convinced that his civil rights were violated." He said that NAACP aid in the case had been requested last week, and that he had received the court records only on Friday.

At police hearings in Rockville Center in July, eye-witnesses testified to the savage beating of Des- saure. On the stand four cops gave conflicting testimony that so contradicted their first charges that they were redrawn by Assistant District Attorney Frank Gulotta.

The cops say Dessaure took their bills from them in the station and beat them.